

PIG WOMAN'S TALE BRANDED AS LIE; HALL LAWYER HINTS MILLS GUILTY

Philip Payne Flayed as Trial Stage Manager

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Dec. 2.—Senator Clarence Case of defense counsel, during his summation this afternoon, charged that the killing of the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills might have been done by Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "pig woman."

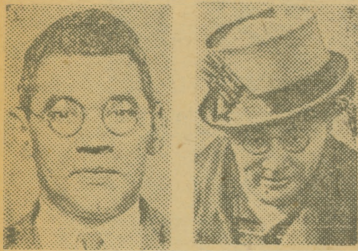
SOMERVILLE, N. J., Dec. 2.—With the defense unleashing a final verbal attack on prosecution witnesses, the Hall-Mills murder case drew near its close this afternoon.

The summations of Robert H. McCarter and Senator Clarence Case consisted for the most part of:—

1. Branding of the story told by Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "pig woman" and star witness for the state, as a cleverly concocted lie.

2. A direct suggestion that James Mills may have killed his wife, Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, and the Rev. Edward W. Hall.

3. Further denunciation of the New York Mirror and its managing editor, Philip A. Payne, for



Felix Di Martini Mrs. M. Demarest

their activities against the three defendants, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall and her brothers, Willie and Henry Stevens.

It was left to Senator Case to

Soft-Spoken, Wrathful, by Turns



ROBERT H. MCCARTER, senior defense counsel in the Hall-Mills murder case, as he appeared making his summation in court at Somerville, N. J. He rose at times to the heights of indignation, particularly in the matter of what he called "the fingerprint fraud."

Miss Rambeau's Accuser Gets Divorce and Children

An interlocutory decree of divorce by Supreme Court Justice McGoldrick in favor of Mrs. Mabel Manton against William Kevitt Manton, actor, was opened today. Marjorie Rambeau, Broadway star, was named co-respondent in the suit.

break down Mrs. Gibson's testimony—that she had seen Mrs. Hall and her brothers on the old Phillips farm the night of the murders. He assailed her as a woman with a "checkered career," unworthy of belief. He pointed out how she had contradicted herself on several occasions.

It was Mr. McCarter who sought to conjure in the minds of the jury a picture of Jimmy Mills as a hus-

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The trial took place two weeks ago and was undefended. Miss Rambeau did not appear at the trial. The decree awards Mrs. Manton \$30 a week alimony and custody of two children. An interlocutory decree becomes final in three months.

Mrs. Manton was represented by Attorney Lucille Pugh of 165 Broadway.

11 Men Captured By Lone Cop Held As Cloak Vandals

Eleven of the eighteen men, captured by a lone patrolman in the S. and H. Garment Company, fifth floor, 109 West 26th St., after two shots had been fired, were held without bail today by Magistrate Gottlieb in Jefferson Market Court, charged with tearing and throwing acid on \$4,000 worth of garments. The manager, Harry Bext, declared an open shop was conducted and blamed union men for the outrage.

Isadore Newman, 18, of 22 Pitt St., an employee, was held in \$100 bail for violation of the Sullivan law. He fired the shots which summoned Patrolman Shields of Parkville Station, Brooklyn, temporarily assigned to strike duty at West 30th Street Station.

Attorneys for Bext and Assistant District Attorney Charles White declared the men were guerillas who would take a life "without a thought." Three of the alleged guerillas held were William Clockel of 22 Norfolk St., Louis Friedman, 21, of 2827 25th St., Brooklyn, and Irving Herowitz, 30, of 33 West 114th St. All have police records.

Straton Upholds Execution Of Slayers as Law of God

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There is a continent-wide debate on at the present time over capital punishment for murderers. We have had in connection with the Hall-Mills case a renewal of this debate in some quarters.

Hall-Mills Pictures

The writer of the letter to The GRAPHIC regarding the Hall-Mills case pictures is requested to communicate with the managing editor of this newspaper. The strictest confidence is promised.

Nagged by Wife. He Shoots Her and Tot, He Tells Cops

Constant nagging drove John Burgess, 38, a negro, to shoot his wife and 18-month-old child early today, he is alleged to have confessed to the police.

The wife, Jane Burgess, 33, is in Harlem Hospital in a critical condition, with little Enid. Both were shot twice. Gloria, 3, the other child of the couple, escaped by walking out of the room when the shooting started in the apartment at 173 West 141st St.

Burgess is said to have told police he was driven to desperation and decided to end his troubles. He did not attempt to escape, but waited for the police to come and get him. He said he found the gun in an ash barrel. He is janitor of the apartment house. He said his wife constantly demanded more money, which he was unable to supply.

From the beginning of recorded history, however, both the laws of God and the laws of men have been prevailing on the side of punishing real murderers with death, not only as a vindication of justice, but deeper than that and primarily for the protection of human society.

Dr. John Roach Straton

Because life is the climax of creation and human life is the climax of all sentient being, therefore the taking of human life is the greatest possible tragedy, and the death penalty for taking life was directed in order that life might be safeguarded.

If murder had been lightly regarded, individual vengeance would have become so widespread that the human race would have been decimated.

Laws Must Be Severe

Therefore the laws of God and man have ever been stern and strong in regard to the destruction of human life. And this is rightfully so. Though the mercy of God from the beginning found expression in Cities of Refuge, to which the man slayer could flee from the avenger, and also in making provision for fair and just trial of those who took life, here is one place where mercy is on the side of stern retribution. Because to lightly regard killing is to allow murderers to escape unwhipped of justice, and, as before observed, would cause more loss of life than

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Cameramen on Skylight Startle Hall Trial Judge

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Dec. 2.—Supreme Court Justice Charles Parker, presiding at the Hall-Mills trial, raised his eyes ceilingward this morning during Robert H. McCarter's summation for the defense, and observed with a start the shadows of two feet crossing the high-colored glass skylight.

He rubbed his eyes and looked again. Then he summoned the court crier, John Bunn, and amid general excitement a squad of deputy sheriffs was dispatched to a trapdoor ten or twelve feet above the floor level on the top story of the court house.

Somehow at least two newspaper photographers, barred from the courtroom, had climbed through that trapdoor. In the dark, dusty region between the roof and the ceiling of the top floor, they had fumbled for the skylight, not daring to light matches. They had pried open one edge of the skylight, and through this, presumably, had taken pictures.

Culprits Not Found

The deputies found an overcoat, a wallet, a dozen camera plates and two cameras, but no photographers. On the assumption that the photographers were hiding in some obscure recess under the roof, two deputies were stationed under the trapdoor to arrest the men when they appeared.

Mayor's Curfew Bill Puts City Fathers in Quandary

By JOSEPH L. COHN

Mayor Walker's 3 a. m. curfew for night clubs, cabarets and restaurants has struck a snag.

The mayor's bill was planned to put out of business night resorts referred to along Broadway as "joints." In these places, the mayor declared, stick-up men, thieves and others who live on their wits congregate to plan their crimes. The bill passed the Board of Estimate Branch of the Municipal Assembly, where the mayor personally introduced it, and is now hanging fire in the Board of Alderman branch.

The high class, legitimate night club has very little kick against the bill, it is said. Most of them now close around 3 a. m. But others, some of very good standing, and others "not so good," have a kick against the proposed law.

The section of the bill now being bombarded says that hotels having upward of fifty rooms, and

membership corporations that own their own premises are exempt. That caused a howl from those who rent or lease spacious quarters where jazz bands play till the wee small hours. They asserted the bill discriminated against them.

The Board of Aldermen have held several public hearings on the bill. While many have appeared in opposition, no one has appeared in favor of it. The city fathers have something they don't know what to do with. They feel they should pass it—but they don't like some of its provisions.

Tammany Hall, it is said, has declared a "hands off" policy. While many think it will eventually be passed, they believe it first will be amended. Police Commissioner McLaughlin recommended the bill.